

10 a. m. *Clinic and Symposium on Industrial Dermatoses*  
Francis E. Senear, M. D., Presiding

Criteria for diagnosis, diagnostic techniques and demonstration of patients arranged with the assistance of the Joint Committee on Industrial Dermatoses of the Section on Dermatology and Syphilology of the American Medical Association, and of the American Dermatological Association.

2 p. m. *Symposium on Occupational Diseases*

Lloyd L. Arnold, M. D., Presiding

The Industrial Hygiene Survey. An outline of tested procedure to detect and evaluate industrial health exposures, adaptable to both large and small plants.

K. M. Morse, Industrial Hygienist, Illinois State Department of Public Health, Chicago.

Principles of Control Over Industrial Health Exposures. A description of progressive steps necessary to control industrial health exposures.

Donald E. Cummings, Director, Division of Industrial Hygiene, University of Colorado School of Medicine and Hospitals, Denver.

Pitfalls in Occupational Disease Diagnosis. A discussion of ways in which occupational intoxications simulate other diseases, with emphasis on differential diagnosis.

M. H. Kronenberg, M. D., Chief of Division of Industrial Hygiene, Illinois State Department of Public Health, Chicago.

Occupational Disease Testimony. Instruction for the physician in effective presentation of medical testimony on occupational diseases before workmen's compensation administrators.

James J. McKenna, Chicago.

At convenient times during the day there will be demonstrations of laboratory and field equipment used to detect and evaluate industrial health exposures. These demonstrations are arranged by the Division of Industrial Hygiene of the Illinois State Department of Public Health.

**Press Clippings.**—Some news items from the daily press on matters related to medical practice follow:

**Second California Draft Call Issued**

*Quotas Expected Thursday With Inductions for 6,231 Conscripts to Start on January 20*

Sacramento, December 23 (AP).—Adjutant-General R. E. Mittelstaedt, Director of Selective Service, today announced the receipt of California's second draft call, requesting 6,231 conscripts for compulsory military training.

The second phase of the conscription program will become effective on January 20.

Draft officials immediately began setting up quotas for the State's 284 draft boards and expect to have them ready by Thursday.

Under the new call, the men will be inducted as follows: January 20, 519 men; January 21, 519; January 22, 522; January 23, 522; January 24, 245; January 25, 245; January 27, 530; January 28, 530; January 29, 530; January 30, 530; January 31, 530; February 1, 530; February 3, 479.

The men will report to induction stations in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

The Army has requested 38,017 conscripts from California by June 30. Captain Kenneth Leitch, Assistant Director of Selective Service, said he expects more calls in January, with the greatest demands being made in February and March.—*Los Angeles Times*, December 24, 1940.

**High Court to Rule on Indigent Act**

Washington, Dec. 16 (UP).—The U. S. Supreme Court agreed today to determine the constitutionality of a California law making it a misdemeanor to assist in bringing an indigent person into the State.

The test case arose in Marysville, where Fred F. Edwards was sentenced to six months in jail on charges of bringing his brother-in-law, Frank Duncan, from Spur, Texas, to California a year ago.

Edwards admitted Duncan was jobless when he arrived and lived at the Edwards home until he was given assistance by the Federal Farm Security Administration.

State courts upheld the act and Edwards' conviction, and the Marysville man appealed to the Supreme Court on grounds that every citizen of the United States has a constitutional right to freedom of movement into any state he sees fit.

He held further that the California act was an attempt to regulate a form of interstate commerce, thus invading a field reserved by the Constitution to the Federal Government. . . .—*San Francisco News*, December 16.

**New Migrant Inquiry Set**

Washington, Dec. 17 (UP).—The House Committee investigating migrant worker problems plans to recommend

extension of New Deal social legislation to "industrialized" farmers, it was learned today.

The recommendations involve application of the Wage-Hour Act, the National Labor Relations Act and the Social Security Act to laborers employed by large, industrial farming enterprises. They also suggest limitations of AAA payments to such farms.

The committee's report, Chairman John H. Tolan (D., Calif.) said, will be based on a summary of the chief recommendations made by the 250 witnesses who testified. It will not be formally presented to Congress until after the first of the year.

The summary is being prepared by Dr. Robert K. Lamb, chief investigator for the committee.—*San Francisco News*, December 17.

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**Medical Examiners Decide to Conform to Rules of Court**

Dr. Clark L. Abbott of Oakland yesterday was elected president of the State Board of Medical Examiners at a meeting in the State Building. He succeeds Dr. William R. Molony, Sr., whose term expired last January.

Dr. George Thomason of Los Angeles will fill Doctor Abbott's former post of vice-president, and Dr. Charles B. Pinkham, veteran secretary-treasurer of the board, was returned to his office by the vote.

As a result of opinions lost by the board in the courts, it was decided that more thorough investigations will be conducted in the future with a view of compiling all evidence in a manner acceptable to trial judges.

Such a policy, however, will not impair the fairness of inquiries or board hearings, it was pointed out.—*Los Angeles Times*, December 7.

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**A. M. A. Will Issue War-Medicine Publication**

Chicago, Dec. 12 (INS).—A new publication, *War Medicine*, will be issued by the American Medical Association as a part of the association's contribution to America's preparedness program, it was announced in the association's journal today.

Colonel C. C. Hillman, Commander Charles S. Stephenson and Dr. R. R. Spencer were named to represent the Army, Navy and P. S. public health service.—*San Francisco Call-Bulletin*, December 12.

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**Child Health Aid Will Be Started**

*State to Initiate New Program in Counties*

Medical care will be extended to children suffering from rheumatic fever and heart disease in two California counties through the crippled children's services of the State Department of Public Health, Dr. Bertram F. Brown, state health director, announced yesterday.

California is one of the first states to initiate this new service supported by social security funds administered by the United States Children's Bureau. The California program will start the first of the year in Contra Costa and Yolo counties.

The program will be conducted along the lines of the established services to other crippled children. Anyone under 21 years of age will be eligible for diagnosis. Patients whose parents can afford to pay for care will be placed under the treatment of a private physician.

The state will provide care of other children suffering from rheumatic fever or heart disease. When necessary, hospitalization and convalescent care will be given.—*San Francisco Examiner*, December 17, 1940.

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**Parents Lose Arm Battle**

Sacramento juvenile court gave 14-year-old Kenneth Northrup of Brighton a new chance yesterday—a chance that may make his broken right arm whole again.

Presiding Judge Peter J. Shields took Kenneth away from his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Northrup, made the boy a ward of the court, and ordered Probation Officer C. E. Wilson to take him to Sacramento County Hospital for medical treatment that will require six weeks.

Kenneth broke his arm eighteen months ago, but his parents, members of the Church of the First Born, refused him medical attention on the grounds it was against their religious beliefs and on the grounds Kenneth would be healed by the Supreme Being. Meanwhile, the broken bones began to decay.

The boy and his parents were brought into court by a petition filed by J. Francis O'Shea, chief deputy district attorney.—*Sacramento Union*, December 6, 1940.

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**Medical Corps Said Denied Recognition**

Chicago, December 7 (UP).—The *Journal of the American Medical Association* today criticized the government for its failure to honor members of the navy medical corps who assisted in life-saving operations in the disaster of the submarine *Squalus* in 1939.

In an editorial, "Life-Saving Service Without Recognition," the current issue of *The Journal* said success of the salvage work on the submarine was made possible

largely because of "some extraordinary" scientific investigations by members of the U. S. navy medical corps in 1932 and that the medical personnel who took part in the salvage, except for two pharmacists' mates, were not given recognition.—*San Bernardino Sun*, December 8, 1940.

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#### Lunacy Board Appointment

Dr. Harold E. Fraser, personal physician to the late Governor James Rolph, Jr., was the choice today of superior court judges to the city's Lunacy Commission. Doctor Fraser succeeds the late Dr. Tilton E. Tillman.—*San Francisco Call-Bulletin*, December 17, 1940.

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#### Coördination of Agencies Suggested

*Stephenson Conducts First Departmental Meeting in History*

The first department-wide meeting in the eleven-year history of the State Department of Professional and Vocational Standards this week produced suggestions that may lead to an extensive program of streamlining and elimination of waste effort, Director Dwight W. Stephenson announced yesterday. . . .

Another money-saving suggestion made was to establish referees for each board. As it is now, when, say the medical boards want to hold a hearing on a disciplinary matter, the majority of the board must sit—at per diem expense to the state, of course.

If referees were available many of the matters could be settled with just that one man sitting.

A sliding-scale on license fees for all boards was another proposition. . . .

Every board is self-sustaining by law, and funds from one board cannot be transferred to another. Stephenson does not recommend any change in this set-up—he only wants a graduating scale put in. . . .

All of these changes will require legislative action.

The sixteen boards in the department govern the following vocations and professions:

Accountants, architects, barbers, chiropractors, contractors, dentists, doctors, engineers, funeral directors, nurses, optometrists, osteopaths, pharmacists, ship brokers, veterinarians and contractors.—*Sacramento Union*, November 29, 1940.

## LETTERS

### Concerning Change of Name: Insurance Association of Approved Hospitals.

Oakland, California,  
November 12, 1940.

*To the Editor:*—This is to notify you that the Insurance Association of Approved Hospitals will henceforth be known as *Hospital Service of California*, and the new address will be 364 Fourteenth Street, Oakland.

Very truly yours,  
BYRON F. ASHTON, *Manager*.

### Concerning Meeting of American College of Surgeons.

(COPY)

AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS  
FOUNDED BY SURGEONS OF THE UNITED STATES  
AND CANADA, 1913

Chicago, December 17, 1940.

*To the Editor:*—Will you kindly insert in your notices of coming events the following sectional meetings of the American College of Surgeons. Program details will be sent you later covering the meeting in your area. . . .

March 26–28, Salt Lake City, Hotel Utah. Participating states: Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Idaho, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Montana, and Utah.

Hospital conferences will be held in connection with each of these meetings. Fellows of the College, members of the medical profession at large, and persons interested in the institutional care of the sick and injured, are invited to the sectional meetings; on the final evening of each meeting, a meeting on health conservation, to which the public is invited will be held.

40 East Erie Street.

(Signed) AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

### Concerning Two Letters of Appreciation.

(COPY)

CALIFORNIA TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

San Francisco, California,  
December 16, 1940.

*To the Editor:*—Many thanks to you for carrying the article "Tuberculosis and Racial Groups" in the December issue of *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE*. It is very helpful to us to have such an article in the *JOURNAL* at this time, since the awareness of physicians of our Christmas Seal sale is an important factor in the success of the campaign.

45 Second Street.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. F. HIGBY,  
*Executive Secretary*.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

FOUNDED 1881 UNDER THE TREATY OF GENEVA

Washington, D. C.,  
December 2, 1940.

*To the Editor:*—The national officers of the American Red Cross are truly appreciative of the splendid coöperation given through the columns of your publication in our annual membership campaign. Your generous aid in thus reaching a wider circle of readers has been particularly important because of the heavy responsibilities devolving upon our organization as a result of our national defense program.

Again let me express our deep appreciation for your coöperation.

Sincerely yours,

G. STEWART BROWN,  
*National Director*,  
*Public Information Service*.

### Concerning a Lecturer (C. A. de Vere) on "Anatomy of the Head and Neck."

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF

PROFESSIONAL AND VOCATIONAL STANDARDS  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

Sacramento, California,  
December 28, 1940.

George H. Kress, M. D., Editor,  
San Francisco, California.

Re: "Dr." C. Augustus de Vere.

Dear Doctor Kress:

Reports have come to us from various sections of the state that an individual who signs his name C. Augustus de Vere, claiming to be "Director of Anatomy, Division of Educational Courses," New York is giving lecture courses (for a fee) on the "anatomy of the head and neck." One of our correspondents related, "I did not complete the course. After hearing him talk, I was quite certain he was no authority on anatomy."

Your files should show a letter signed A. E. Anderson, M. D., on the letterhead of the California Medical Association dated June 14, 1939, re this individual; also copy of a letter addressed to G. H. Kress, M. D., Secretary, California Medical Association, dated Los Angeles, June 12, 1939, signed George D. Maner, M. D.; also your letter to Doctor Anderson, Fresno, California, dated June 14, 1939, and your letter to George D. Maner, M. D., dated June 13, 1939.

Dr. H. Verrill Findlay reported on November 7, 1940, that he had communicated with the American Medical As-